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Phoebe A. Haddon

## National Leader in Legal Education Named Dean of Law School

Phoebe A. Haddon, JD, LLM, a distinguished faculty member at the Temple University Beasley School of Law, a widely respected national leader in legal education, and an expert in tort law and constitutional law, has been named the ninth dean of the University of Maryland School of Law. David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, announced the appointment in late March.

Haddon was chosen after a national search to replace Karen H. Rothenberg, JD, MPA, who after a decade as dean is stepping down to return to the faculty. Haddon is the first African-American to serve as dean in the School's 185-year history.

"Phoebe Haddon is passionate about legal education, about the essential role of innovative and influential scholarship in the continued development of our faculty, and about the School of Law's vital public service mission," says Ramsay. "She will build upon the substantial progress of the last decade to attain even greater success in the future."

Haddon earned an LLM from

Yale Law School and a Juris Doctor from Duquesne University School of Law, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Duquesne Law Review*. She received a bachelor's degree from Smith College and is currently vice chair of the Smith College board of trustees. She served as a law clerk for Joseph Weis Jr., 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and practiced at Wilmer Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C., before joining the faculty at Temple law school. She teaches courses on constitutional law, tort law, products liability, and race and ethnicity.

An accomplished national scholar on constitutional law and tort law, Haddon is the co-author of two casebooks in those fields and has written numerous scholarly articles on equal protection, jury participation, academic freedom, and diversity.

Haddon is widely recognized as a national leader in organizations dedicated to improving American legal education. She serves on the Council of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, the official accrediting

body of American law schools. She has served as co-president of the board of governors and member of the executive committee of the Society of American Law Teachers, a member of the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools, and trustee of the Law School Admission Council.

Actively supporting the work of the Pennsylvania bench and bar, Haddon served as a member of the Gender Commission of the 3rd Circuit Task Force on Equal Treatment in the Courts and as a member of the Race Subcommittee of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania's Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System. She is a member of the City of Philadelphia board of ethics, and she works with the Philadelphia Bar Association on bias and diversity-related issues. Haddon is also a member of the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

Haddon is married to Frank McClellan, LLM, JD, professor emeritus of law at Temple University.

## Medical School to Commemorate Anniversary of Gallo's Papers Proving HIV Causes AIDS

May 4 marks 25 years since *Science* magazine published findings by Robert Gallo, MD, professor of medicine at the School of Medicine and director of its Institute of Human Virology, which identified HIV as the cause of AIDS. To commemorate the discovery, which led to development of the blood test for HIV antibodies, a comprehensive understanding of the deadly virus, and eventually the first viral therapeutic medicines, the School of Medicine and the National Cancer Institute will host a three-day symposium and gala—Celebrating a Visionary's Quest for Discovery—in May.



Robert Gallo

Joining Gallo will be co-discoverer Luc Montagnier, PhD, president of the World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention. Many other renowned international scientists also will attend the event to celebrate Gallo's published papers on HIV.

"The co-discovery is one of the seminal events not only in HIV research but in our understanding of how retroviruses in general cause disease and how they might be thwarted," says E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, dean of the School of Medicine, vice president for medical affairs at the University of Maryland, and John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor. "We are honored to be able to recognize Dr. Gallo for this transformative achievement."

The symposium—25 Years After Discovering HIV as the Cause of AIDS—will be held at the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards May 9-11 and will review the history and future of HIV research, treatment, and education. Along with leading advances in detection and treatment, Gallo says AIDS research has "had a spinoff effect on society by forging a greater understanding of differences in sexuality and of women's rights, and by uniting powerful governments with Third World countries."

The gala—An Evening Honoring Robert C. Gallo, MD—at the Hilton Baltimore on May 9 will recognize Gallo's storied career and his discovery of the first known

human retrovirus, which led to the first known virus causing cancer (known as the human T-cell leukemia virus or HTLV-1). These discoveries created the foundation for the discovery of HIV as the cause of AIDS.

For more information or to register for the symposium or the gala, visit [www.gallo25.umaryland.edu/index.html](http://www.gallo25.umaryland.edu/index.html).

The celebration comes on the heels of a March 12 gala honoring Gallo as the recipient of the 2009 Governor's International Leadership Award. The award is presented annually by the World Trade Center Institute.

"I am privileged to honor Dr. Gallo and the Institute of Human Virology for their dedication in resolving some of the most challenging medical problems facing people worldwide, and helping to find a vaccine that can help thousands of people affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic," says Maryland governor and School of Law alumnus Martin O'Malley, JD '88. "Marylanders have long known that our state is a world leader in biotechnology, and Dr. Gallo has made substantial contributions to our state's position in this industry."

Gallo is also among the winners of Israel's 2009 Dan David Prizes. To be presented by the Dan David Foundation in Tel Aviv on May 17, the awards honor achievements that have had a major scientific, technological, cultural, social, or public health impact.



## Call It 'The Lexington Building'

A name has been chosen for the new building at 620 W. Lexington St.—a name that draws on the area's history. "The Lexington Building" was submitted by a few people during a Universitywide call for name suggestions. Gen. John Eager Howard, an American Revolutionary War hero, donated land for the nearby Lexington Market and named it after the war's first battle site in Massachusetts.



NEWS FROM THE DEAN SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



Natalie D. Eddington

The past academic year has been one of opportunity, accomplishment, and growth for the School of Pharmacy. The most tangible sign of that growth is the daily progress being made on the construction of our new Pharmacy Hall Addition. I'm excited to report that the foundation for several of the floors is already in place, and we remain on schedule to open the building for the fall 2010 semester.

In addition to providing space for an expanded student body, enhanced classrooms, lecture halls, and clinical areas for our students and faculty, Pharmacy Hall Addition will provide the infrastructure critical for meeting the needs of the School of Pharmacy's expanding research programs in drug discovery, pharmacogenomics, evidence-based medicine, and drug safety.

As a comprehensive School of Pharmacy with faculty working across the spectrum of drug discovery and development, we are making great progress in identifying new immunomodulators, drugs, and targets for diseases such as drug abuse, cancer, and Alzheimer's, and are addressing public health issues such as antibiotic resistance.

Sequencing of the human genome has provided the scientific basis for expediting our drug discovery process. It affords the

opportunity to now focus on the specific genes that cause disease and their associated proteins to identify novel drug targets. Using its highly sophisticated computational modeling programs, the School of Pharmacy's Computer-Aided Drug Design Center has been instrumental in identifying drug targets for cancer chemotherapy, immunomodulators, and antimicrobial agents. The synthesis, evaluation, and optimizing of drug target inhibitors to develop lead agents are important research engines that support the center. The international reputation of this center, along with that of our Center for Nanomedicine and Cellular Delivery, places the School of Pharmacy at the forefront of a very exciting and challenging scientific environment.

The School's research focus also extends to the practice of pharmacy. This practice is continually evolving, and there is national conversation about the important role pharmacists can play in the "genomic revolution." As pharmacists, our faculty, students, and graduates are the most accessible members of the health care team, and as such, they are on the front lines of working to optimize medication therapy for individual patients and reporting adverse drug reactions.

Bringing science to practice by enhancing the accessibility of information on how

individual responses to medications vary from patient to patient will promote drug therapy optimization. The School of Pharmacy is conducting groundbreaking studies that focus on those genetic variants that influence drug pharmacokinetics, specifically drug transporters and metabolizing enzymes.

With our long history of evaluating health outcomes and current focus on evidence-based medicine and health assessment technology, the School of Pharmacy has recently formed a Center for Drug Safety, the focus of which is to improve public health by enhancing the safety of marketed medications. The School has many faculty members working across the drug safety and risk management spectrum, and the center builds upon their expertise and provides a framework for collaborations within the School and with other entities on campus.

With grants and contracts from the federal government, pharmaceutical industry, foundations, and private organizations, the School of Pharmacy's research enterprise is thriving and growing stronger every year.

*Natalie D. Eddington*

Natalie D. Eddington, PhD  
Dean, School of Pharmacy

Law School Unveils New LLM Degree Program

JEFFREY RAYMOND

The School of Law will begin offering a Master of Laws (LLM) Program in fall 2009, building on the law school's nationally recognized specialty programs to offer an advanced degree for individuals eager to engage in scholarly explorations of pressing legal issues.

"The reputation of our outstanding specialty programs sets us apart from other law schools. The Maryland LLM will leverage that strength by attracting advanced students and legal practitioners eager to study with our renowned faculty and develop a specialization in one of the fields for which we're so well known," says Dean Karen H. Rothenberg, JD, MPA.

The full-time, one-year program is intended for American lawyers with a JD who want to develop expertise in a specific area, and for international lawyers and foreign law students seeking advanced training in U.S. law. Students will be required to specialize in an area of established expertise at the School of Law, including business, clinical, constitutional, environmental, health, and international and comparative law.

LLM candidates will be required to complete an original, scholarly thesis of publishable quality in their area of specialization. The program will be limited to no more than 20 students per year, ensuring students will receive personalized attention from their faculty supervisors, particularly in writing their thesis.

Associate Dean Michael Van Alstine, JD, MJurComp, DrJur, describes the Maryland LLM as a good fit for lawyers who want to specialize their legal practice in one of the fields offered by the program, or who are interested in pursuing an academic career.

"Maryland Law offers an extensive curriculum in each of the specialty areas, and LLM students will be able to develop a deep understanding of their subject area through a wide range of advanced courses and seminars," he says. "As they complete their thesis, they'll be working one-on-one with some of the top law professors in the country.

"This is a major step in the continuing growth of our internationally recognized specialty programs amid the increasing globalization of both the study and the practice of law," says Van Alstine.

UMB Leading in Financial Social Work Education

ROSALIA SCALIA

As the national economic crisis worsens, the School of Social Work is developing the Financial Social Work Initiative, a program for social workers to help them assist families in economic distress. In addition to offering students a two-day minimester on financial social work early this year, the School has launched a nine-month certificate program on financial social work that began in March.

The initiative received an initial grant from the Woodside Foundation. School of Social Work alumna Meg Woodside, MSW '07, is a foundation trustee.

More than 21 master's degree students enrolled in the minimester, which consisted of 15 hours on economic literacy and the psychosocial aspects of money that can either hinder or help efforts to make behavioral changes. The certificate program is open to alumni, veteran social workers, and mental health professionals wanting to improve their understanding of the issues that lead to poverty, to address them, and to assist their clients in making behavioral changes for long-term financial health.

"The School is providing national leadership in developing financial social work courses, trainings, and certificate programs to help social workers successfully undertake a range of activities, including counseling about debt and foreclosure," says Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, dean of the School. "They are also learning to organize communities to develop alternative housing and lending options, and reforming policies to reduce abusive lending, tax preparation, and credit card practices."

Reeta Wolfsohn, CMSW, a nationally known therapist, author, and motivational speaker who talks about money from a psychosocial perspective, is conducting the 40-hour certificate program. School of Social Work alumna Robin McKinney, MSW '01, director of the Maryland Cash Campaign—a statewide network of free tax preparation providers and asset building programs—is an instructor in the program.

The School of Social Work also is creating a semester-long elective course on asset building in communities, which is planned for the next academic year.

For more information, visit the School's Continuing Professional Education Web site [www.ssw.umaryland.edu/cpe](http://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/cpe).

Commencement Web Site—www.umaryland.edu/commencement—Offers Important Information on the Big Day

This year, expect the extraordinary. A special Commencement 2009 Web site—[www.umaryland.edu/commencement](http://www.umaryland.edu/commencement)—has up-to-date information on events, accommodations within walking distance of the University, convocation venues for each School, the commencement ceremony at the 1st Mariner Arena, and

area attractions, including tours of Oriole Park at Camden Yards, to help make Commencement 2009 memorable for graduates and their families. The Web site also lists special hotel rates—available until mid-April—plus discounts at area attractions and information on easy parking.



# O’Malley ‘Truly Honored’ by Commencement Role

CHRIS ZANG

Campaign field director. City councilman. Mayor. Governor.

Martin O’Malley has filled many formidable roles since graduating from the School of Law in 1988. In May, he will proudly take on one more: commencement keynote speaker for the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB).

And though Thomas Wolfe said you can’t go home again, the governor of Maryland is happy to disagree.

“I’m truly honored to be able to participate at this year’s commencement,” O’Malley says. “I’m always excited when I have the opportunity to come and speak before a new generation of leaders, especially here in this great city and here at my alma mater.”

The governor hopes the May 15 event at 1st Mariner Arena will imbue the roughly 1,800 graduates eligible to attend with the same joy he experienced receiving his JD 21 years ago. “My commencement filled me with a deep sense of pride from having been a part of something great—a new class of healers, defenders of justice, and scientists who are all charged with the solemn responsibility to remake the world and, hopefully in so doing, to make it better,” he says.

O’Malley’s involvement in politics began when he became a volunteer for Gary Hart’s presidential campaign while a student at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Later, while a law school



Martin O’Malley

student at the University of Maryland, O’Malley further honed his political skills by serving as a field director for Baltimorean Barbara Mikulski’s successful U.S. Senate race. He obtained public office himself by being elected to the Baltimore City Council in 1991, then as mayor of Baltimore in

1999 and governor of Maryland in 2006. O’Malley was the only challenger to defeat a sitting governor in the U.S. that year.

O’Malley says the values he learned at the School of Law have followed him to the Statehouse. “One of the central themes that I carried with me throughout my time as a public servant is an enduring and universal urgency in the fight to promote justice and the sense of responsibility to make our city and our state a better place to live, work, and raise a family,” the governor says.

Even with the downturn in the economy and the tough job market, O’Malley says it won’t be hard to find encouraging words for the graduates.

“Together, we’re facing some very real and very serious challenges,” he says, “but one thing has always held true here in Maryland—tough times don’t last, but tough people do.” O’Malley adds that UMB has prepared the graduates “to face these challenges head-on.”

The governor knows he faces a challenge of his own in following last year’s commencement keynote speech by genomics pioneer Francis Collins, MD, PhD, who ended his address with a song. O’Malley has done his share of singing and strumming over the years with his Celtic rock band O’Malley’s March, but don’t expect to see his guitar onstage May 15.

“As a musician, it’s important to know when to play and when to appreciate the skills of others,” he says. “I’m really looking forward to hearing the talented Carrollton Brass Quintet that day.”



From left: Michael Busch; School of Nursing students Catriona Mowbry, Brittany Winstead, and Patrick Mirabella; and Janet D. Allan

## Nursing Students Rally to Support Higher Education

More than 40 representatives of the School of Nursing are among students and faculty from throughout the University who have met with state legislators in Annapolis this year to advocate for higher education. The message of the nursing students and faculty was this: Support of nursing education not only addresses the shortage of nurses but also boosts the economy.

“Maryland needs to support expanding the capacity of nursing programs to enroll more students. This would have a twofold advantage of reinvigorating the economy

and ensuring access to safe, high quality health care,” says Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing.

Students were recognized on the floor of the House of Delegates, and several met with Speaker Michael Busch. Del. Karen Montgomery encouraged the nursing students to stay in Maryland to work after graduating. “We need nurses to help alleviate the shortage our state is facing,” she said, stressing the need for care for the aging population.

The 2009 General Assembly session of

state lawmakers began Jan. 14 and ends April 13.

The Governor’s Wellmobile, operated by the School of Nursing, also traveled to Annapolis and offered free blood pressure checks, body mass index screenings, and preventive health information. The Wellmobile program’s four mobile units serve uninsured and underinsured people throughout the state while providing community nursing experience for students.

## UMB IN THE NEWS

Rep. Elijah Cummings’ recognition of the **Dental School**’s efforts to extend dental care to underserved people in the state was covered by four TV stations and several newspapers including *The* (Baltimore) *Examiner*.

**Susan Leviton, JD, a School of Law** professor who runs a program in which students teach classes at inner-city high schools, told *The Daily Record* that students from the Baltimore Freedom Academy high school were presented with a \$4,000 check from the Aaron and Lillie Straus Foundation to fund an alternative spring break trip to New Orleans to help the rebuilding effort there.

**Lisa Shulman, MD, a professor at the School of Medicine**, was featured in a PBS documentary on Parkinson’s disease. Shulman, who is also co-director of the Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center, is currently overseeing a multiyear study to determine if regular exercise can help people with Parkinson’s disease improve their balance and walking.

**Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, FAAN**, dean of the **School of Nursing**, was featured in a *Daily Record* article about the shortage of nursing faculty. The School is one of many that are struggling to accommodate the number of nursing applicants—nursing schools statewide were forced to deny enrollment to more than 1,800 qualified candidates in 2008.

April has been designated Safe Handling Awareness Month. And a national survey covered by news media and conducted by the Environmental Health Education Center at the **School of Nursing**, the Environmental Working Group, the American Nurses Association, and Health Care Without Harm, shows there are links between nurses’ health problems and occupational exposure to hazardous drugs.

In separate articles, **Peter Butko, PhD**, associate professor at the **School of Pharmacy**, told *The Baltimore Sun* and *Bay City Living* that sugar substitutes are safe. Butko added that people who consider sugar a more natural choice should realize that unless they are eating sugar beets, they are getting a processed product.

*The Washington Post* published an article about research findings from the **School of Social Work** showing that among households starting to receive food stamps last fall, one in three had not been part of the program during the previous 10 years, or perhaps ever.

PATRICIA ADAMS



## LAURELS

**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

**Thomas Blanpied, PhD**, assistant professor of physiology, was honored during a ceremony at the White House on Dec. 19 for his Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. Granted by the National Science and Technology Council, the award is the federal government's highest recognition of outstanding scientists and engineers who are starting independent careers. Blanpied received the award for his research examining the dynamic protein organization underlying the function and plasticity of individual connections between brain neurons, and for student mentorship.



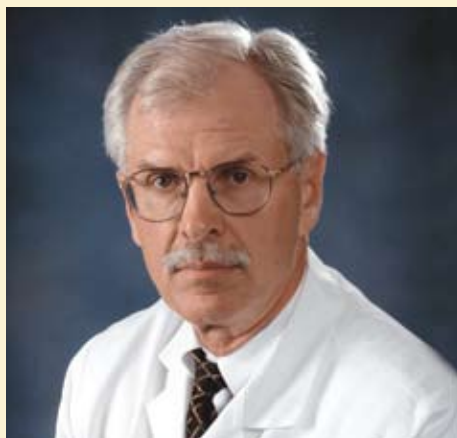
Janet D. Allan

**Douglas Floccare, MD, MPH**, clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine, has been named medical director of the year by the Air Medical Physician Association. Floccare has served as the Maryland state aeromedical director for the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and medical director for the Maryland State Police Aviation Command.

**Jon Hirshon, MD, MPH**, associate professor of emergency medicine, and **Aisha Liferidge, MD**, instructor of emergency medicine, have each been named a Maryland Hero of Emergency Medicine by the American College of Emergency Physicians. The organization honored Hirshon for serving “as a role model and mentor by practicing high-quality clinical emergency medicine while broadening the frontiers of scientific knowledge through collaborative research efforts,” and Liferidge for being “a born leader who thrives on championing issues important to emergency physicians.”

**Linda Horn, PT, DScPT**, adjunct instructor, has been awarded the Henry O. and Florence P. Kendall Award by the Maryland chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. Horn won the award, which honors outstanding contributions to the field of physical therapy, for her work in the areas of patient care, supervision, administration, and education.

**Philip Mackowiak, MD, MBA**, professor and vice-chair, Department of Medicine, was elected by the board of regents of the American College of Physicians as the 2010 recipient of the Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award for Scholarly Activities in the Humanities and History of Medicine. The honor recognizes Mackowiak's contributions to chronicling the history of medicine and his orchestration of many nationally acclaimed clinicopathological conferences at the School of Medicine.



Philip Mackowiak

**Vadim Morozov, MD**, assistant professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, has received the Karl Storz Award from the Institute for Research Into Cancer of the Digestive System. Morozov received the award for his submission "Proposal of a Formal Gynecologic Endoscopy Curriculum" during the 37th Global Congress of Minimally Invasive Gynecology in Las Vegas.

**Charles Resnik, MD**, professor of diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine, has been inducted as the president of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology. The organization sponsors radiology educational activities such as meetings, forums, and seminars.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, FAAN**, dean and professor, has been elected to a two-year



Vadim Morozov

term as treasurer of the board of directors of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

**SCHOOL OF PHARMACY**

**Natalie D. Eddington, PhD**, dean and professor, has been selected for the Leadership Maryland Class of 2009. Founded in 1992, Leadership Maryland is an independent, educational nonprofit organization that informs top-level executives from the public and private sectors about critical issues facing Maryland. Eddington is one of 46 statewide leaders chosen to participate in the eight-month program.

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

An article in *Rehabilitation Nursing* by Assistant Professor **Melissa Bellin, PhD, MSW**, and colleagues explores the experience of self-management in a sample of transition-age women living with spina bifida.

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Robert Barish (right) is handed a proclamation from the Maryland General Assembly by Michael Busch, speaker of the House of Delegates.

Emergency Medicine Leader Honored by Maryland Legislature

ED FISHEL

Robert Barish, MD, MBA, vice dean for clinical affairs and professor of emergency medicine at the School of Medicine, was honored by the Maryland General Assembly on March 6 for his longtime service to the state. Barish was also congratulated for his recent appointment as chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

Barish was joined on the floor of the House of Delegates chamber by David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB). In the gallery were others from the University and members of Barish’s family.

Known as the founding father of emergency medicine at the University of Maryland, Barish served as director of emergency medical services and chief of emergency medicine for more

than 10 years. Under his leadership, the emergency medicine residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center became one of the largest and most sought-after in the country.

“Thousands of people are alive now that would not have been if Bob Barish was not willing to take on this truly formidable task,” says Thomas Scalea, MD, physician-in-chief of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

Barish also has served as a lieutenant colonel and flight surgeon in the Maryland Air National Guard. He is the commander of the Maryland Defense Forces, 10th Medical Regiment, a team of all-volunteer health care providers who helped Hurricane Katrina survivors. And he has led or supported medical care missions around the world, including in Cambodia, Somalia, Thailand, Kuwait, and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Social Work Organization Names Pecukonis Educator of the Year

ROSALIA SCALIA

Edward Pecukonis, PhD, MSW, an associate professor at the School of Social Work, has been chosen by the Maryland chapter of the National Association of Social Workers as its 2009 Social Work Educator of the Year. He received the award during the organization’s annual Social Work Month conference on March 27 at Martin’s West in Baltimore.

Pecukonis, who is also on the faculty of the School of Medicine (Department of Family Practice), has led the federally funded Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program at the School of Social Work for the past decade. He has produced three educational films focused on MCH issues.

MCH, an interdisciplinary program that trains master’s and doctoral students, has won national awards including the 2005 Secretary of Health and Human Service Award for Innovations in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. The program tackles serious health issues affecting vulnerable families, including childhood obesity,



Edward Pecukonis

asthma, access to dental care, and the impact of HIV/AIDS on families.

“Ed is deeply dedicated to teaching and superb in the instructional arts,” says Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, dean of the School of Social Work. “It is gratifying and appropriate that his teaching excellence is being acknowledged by our professional organization. He has been

outstanding in the classroom, consistently receiving high student evaluations, and in the community—he has taught students in Galveston in the wake of Hurricane Ike. He even taught motivational interviewing to our own faculty and field instructors in a session last summer. Ed is something of a natural, but he still works hard to be a great teacher.”

Pecukonis has published widely on many topics including aggressive adolescent girls, teaching adapted language strategies for electively mute boys, and attitudes toward condom use and AIDS among urban patients. He also runs a private practice offering assessment and psychotherapy services.

Online Giving to UMB Takes a Big Jump

ROSALIA SCALIA

The Internet has transformed the way all organizations, including institutions of higher education, approach charitable giving. At the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), which launched its online giving Web site ([cf.umaryland.edu/lpc/30006\\_lcfx/giving/give\\_now.cfm](http://cf.umaryland.edu/lpc/30006_lcfx/giving/give_now.cfm)) in 2001, philanthropy through the Internet is on the rise. After increasing dramatically during a 2007 spike, it continues to climb.

The number of Fiscal Year 2009 donations to the University through the Web site was 424 as of March, a more than eightfold increase from the previous year. More than \$300,000 has been raised through the Web site since the University began online giving. The benefits to giving online are attracting a range of donors, not just the newer alumni accustomed to life on the Web.

“Benefits include security issues with credit card information not being sent through the mail or transported on campus,” says Jan Wright, MBA, director of gift administration and donor relations. Wright adds that donors can easily designate donations however they choose, and they know within minutes that their gifts have been received.

To date, the largest online gift to the University was \$10,000, and several \$5,000

donations have been collected.

One reason for the success in online giving is convenience, says Roger Pederson, MBA, director of computer services for the Office of External Affairs. A button on the home page of the University’s Web site takes visitors directly to the UMB capital campaign.

“I get the e-mails when people give online, and some of them come in at 2 a.m.—not a typical time when you’d think people would be awake and thinking about making donations,” Pederson says, adding that the University is working toward increasing its online presence on social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace.

“Once we pull in other aspects of the University’s engagement on blogs, in chats, in event registration, users will become more comfortable with our giving site,” says Lisa Neylan Vuolo, assistant director for annual giving and alumni programs.

“We continue to look for ways to make it easy for our friends and alumni to contribute to the future of the campus, and we are committed to making the best use of technology to help do so,” says T. Sue Gladhill, MSW, vice president for external affairs.

*Ronald Hube contributed to this article.*

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# New Directors Help Lead Medical School



Cynthia Bearer



Nora Grannell



Anuj Gupta



Ziv Haskal

RONALD HUBE

New faces in leadership positions at the School of Medicine include Nora Grannell, who recently joined the School's Institute of Human Virology (IHV) as director of public relations and marketing.

Home to world-renowned virology experts including Robert Gallo, MD, the institute's director (see story on page 1), IHV conducts research on HIV and other chronic human viral infections and diseases, while providing clinical care to people with HIV/AIDS in Baltimore, the Caribbean, and Africa. A 10-year communications veteran, Grannell's career includes serving as public affairs senior counsel at firms such as Hill &

Knowlton—a global public relations and communications firm in Washington, D.C.—and projects assistant for former Sen. Paul Sarbanes.

Cynthia Bearer, MD, PhD, FAAP, has been named head of the Division of Neonatology in the Department of Pediatrics. She joined the department last fall as the Mary Gray Cobey Professor in Neonatology. Bearer is nationally recognized as a leader in the areas of clinical neonatology and fetal alcohol syndrome.

School of Medicine alumnus Anuj Gupta, MD '98, has been appointed director of peripheral interventional cardiology. Gupta joined the Department of Medicine last October as an assistant professor. He has

taught at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/ Columbia University in New York City, where he completed an interventional cardiology fellowship.

Ziv Haskal, MD, is now section chief of vascular and interventional radiology, professor and vice chair in the Department of Radiology, and director of image guided therapy and interventional oncology. Most recently, he was director of interventional radiology at New-York Presbyterian Hospital/ Columbia University. An accomplished author and speaker, Haskal is a co-founder of the Global Embolization Symposium and Technologies meeting and has chaired the Society of Interventional Radiology's annual meeting.

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## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

MARCH GAIL KNOTT

Written by Ronald Hube

"From the first day I hired Gail, she has excelled in work performance," wrote Elizabeth Hart-Wells, PhD, in nominating Gail Knott for a University Employee of the Month Award. Human Resource Services, which conducts the award program, agreed, and on March 4, President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, presented Knott with that month's Employee of the Month Award.

"It was a very nice surprise," says Knott.

An employee for nearly five years in the Office of Research and Development (ORD), Knott is a grants and contracts specialist who works on the transfer of technology development from the University to commercial applications. At first she worked with the patent group. Since then she has expanded into license compliance, which requires contacting technology licensees who have breached or defaulted on their contracts with the University.

"Gail is self-taught in an area of complexity that many cannot appreciate—intellectual property law," says Hart-Wells, executive director of commercial ventures and intellectual property. "She has mastered the patent prosecution process at a level to rival paralegal equivalents at national law firms."

Staff throughout the University praise Knott's knowledge, competence, attention to detail, and reliability. "I believe Gail has earned respect from many outside ORD ... for the many demonstrated acts of outstanding work performance," Hart-Wells says.

While having pizza with co-workers to celebrate her Employee of the Month Award, Knott expressed appreciation for the recognition of her good work. "I'm very honored that I was nominated," she said.



RACHEL WARD

## Changes Ahead During Open Enrollment for Benefits, April 20-May 1

JEFFREY RAYMOND

Same-sex domestic partner benefits are among what's new this year during the annual benefits open-enrollment period for University of Maryland, Baltimore employees. A free service for people seeking to prepare their wills is also available this year, and open enrollment returns to a telephone-based system for most employees. (Employees who enrolled in benefits after March 1 must make changes on paper.)

Generally, employees do not need to re-enroll if they wish to keep the same benefits. However, employees who use the Kaiser Permanente HMO should be aware that Kaiser will not offer service after the June 30 end of the current fiscal year, and they must select another plan to continue with coverage on July 1. Similarly, employees enrolled in the Dental Benefit Providers plan will lose that coverage in the new fiscal year and must enroll in a United Concordia dental plan to continue receiving coverage. Employees should also note that all Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) medical plans will become Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) plans, but this change will not require re-enrollment.

The benefit that requires annual re-enrollment for everyone who chooses to use it is the flexible spending account. This benefit provides reimbursement for health care and dependent care costs not covered by insurance while it reduces the employee's taxable income.

Open enrollment is Monday, April 20,

to Friday, May 1. It is the only time of year when University employees can enroll in, cancel or make changes to their benefits, other than at the start of employment or within 60 days after a change in family status such as a marriage or divorce, the birth or adoption of a child or the loss of a dependent's benefits.

Human Resource Services (HRS) will distribute benefit enrollment packets by April 17 through department representatives. Contractual employees and retirees will receive enrollment packets at home through the mail.

Free preparation of a will is available for employees who enroll or currently are enrolled in term life insurance through MetLife. To sign up for will preparation or for more information, call 866-492-6983 or visit [www.metlife.com/mybenefits](http://www.metlife.com/mybenefits).

More information about benefits programs in Fiscal Year 2010 will be available during a benefits and health fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 23, in Westminster Hall. Representatives of providers will be available, and free health screenings will be conducted for glaucoma, bone density, blood pressure, and cholesterol. There also will be raffle prizes and other giveaways.

More information about benefits open enrollment is available by contacting departmental payroll representatives, by calling HRS at 6-2616 or by visiting [www.hr.umaryland.edu](http://www.hr.umaryland.edu).



These photos are some of the judges' favorites among the 63 entries in this year's Say "Cheese" photo contest. Photos in the Universitywide contest—sponsored by Recreation and Wellness Services, Auxiliary Services, and Student Services—were submitted in four categories: people, places, things, and friends and neighbors.

Many of the contest photos are on display throughout April in the Student Center at Pine Street. Winners, including the audience favorite, will be announced during a reception at the student center, which takes place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on April 22. Winners of the Writing Center's creative writing contest will also be announced.

Shown here clockwise from top left are "Leopard" by Christine Boltz, dental assistant II in the Dental School's predoctoral clinics; "Hopscotch" by School of Medicine student Brian Shiu; "Gabby" and "Eye," each by School of Medicine student Rich Bryson; and "Catocin Mt. Road" by Boltz.





# Petrillo, Wiseman Obtain New University Posts



Emilia Kessler Petrillo



Rebecca Wiseman

Emilia Kessler Petrillo, MSW, LCSW-C, and School of Nursing alumna Rebecca Wiseman, PhD '93, RN, are among University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) faculty and staff recently named to leadership positions.

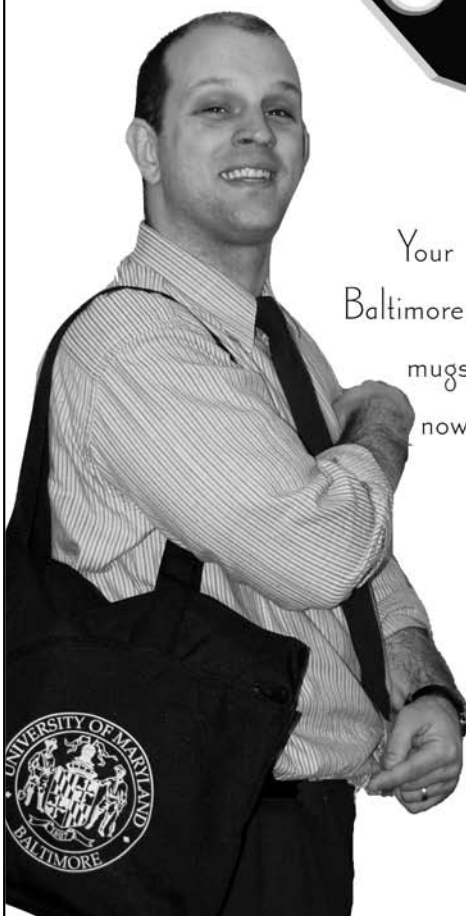

Petrillo, a counselor at the UMB Student Counseling Center since 2006, became director March 16. Petrillo has worked along the East Coast and in the U.S. Navy as a counselor in the areas of strength awareness, emotional self-care, anxiety/stress coping skills, and cultural sensitivity. She is also an addiction specialist.

"I look forward to serving students, faculty, and staff as the new director of the counseling center," Petrillo says. "It is my goal to preserve high quality services and evolve to meet the demands of an ever-

changing world."

Wiseman, an assistant professor at the School of Nursing and former director of the Governor's Wellmobile Program, has been named assistant dean for the nursing program at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG). Before joining the nursing school faculty in 2002, Wiseman was senior staff specialist for workplace advocacy at the American Nurses Association in Washington, D.C. She has also held positions as nurse educator, administrator, and staff nurse at universities and health care facilities.

"I am excited about the opportunity to expand our program at USG and I look forward to the challenges ahead," Wiseman says.



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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Food Service Chosen for Campus Center

Bon Appétit Management Co. has been chosen as the food service vendor for the University’s Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, which is under construction on Lombard Street just west of Greene Street. The award-winning firm, which focuses on nutritional food prepared and served in an ecologically sensitive manner, will operate a variety of venues at the facility. The Southern Management Corporation Campus Center is scheduled to open in August with a dedication ceremony in September. As the University’s “town square,” the center will include student services and organizations, a state-of-the-art health and wellness center with a swimming pool, and space for conferences and other events.

### Daily Record Honors Faculty and Staff Members

Eight members of the campus community will be honored this spring by *The Daily Record* newspaper. Curt Civin, MD, professor and associate dean at the School of Medicine, and Lisa Fairfax, JD, professor at the School of Law, are among the newspaper’s 2009 Influential Marylanders. The annual awards program recognizes Marylanders who have made significant impacts as leaders in their fields. Civin and Fairfax will be among 60 honorees at an April 22 ceremony. The *Daily Record*’s 2009 Top 100 Women will be recognized during a ceremony May 11. The annual awards program honors high-achieving Maryland women for their contributions in leadership, community service, and mentoring. This year’s winners include Margaret McCarthy, PhD, professor at the School of Medicine; Karen Kauffman, PhD, MS, associate professor at the School of Nursing; Margaret Hayes, MS, director of student affairs at the School of Pharmacy;

Diane Hoffmann, JD, MS, associate dean for academic programs at the School of Law; and School of Law professors Karen Czapan-skiy, JD, and Paula Monopoli, JD. Monopoli is the founding director of the law school’s Women Leadership and Equality Program.

### Medical School Enacts New Pharmaceutical Policies

The School of Medicine Council, a group of about 100 representatives from various departments of the medical school, has unanimously approved new policies regarding interactions with the pharmaceutical and medical device industry. The policies, which mirror recommendations made last year by the Association of American Medical Colleges, have also been adopted by the Medical Staff Organization of the University of Maryland Medical Center, members of which are School of Medicine faculty. The new, comprehensive policies guide faculty, students, researchers, doctors, and residents in areas such as gifts, distribution of pharmaceutical samples, access to patient care sites by pharmaceutical representatives, and physician participation in events sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. “The health care industry is part of the medical community. We have to be engaged with it, and there are appropriate ways to do that,” says E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, vice president for medical affairs, University of Maryland; John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor; and dean of the School of Medicine. “These new, more comprehensive guidelines further ensure that we only support evidence-based practice and decision-making that is not subject to any potential or perceived influence from the pharmaceutical or medical device industries.” A growing number of medical schools and academic medical centers are implementing similar policies.

### Second Montgomery High Student Wins Brain Bee

Julia Chartove, a student at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, Md., emerged as the winner from among 32 young people entered in this year’s United States National Brain Bee at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. This is the second consecutive year that a student from Richard Montgomery has won the competition. The two-day event, held in March, tested high school students from across the country on their knowledge of the human brain. The competition included written and oral exams, a neuroanatomy laboratory practical, and patient diagnosis. Each contestant was the winner of a regional Brain Bee contest. Chartove will go on to the International Brain Bee Championship in Toronto this summer. The Dental School is a sponsor of the Brain Bee.

### No-smoking Policy Is Expanded, Cessation Classes Offered

Recent revisions to the University’s non-smoking policy include a ban on smoking outside within 30 feet of a building entrance, window, or air intake system. The new policy, which can be viewed at <http://cf.umaryland.edu/hrpolicies/section11/t110100Asa.html>, conforms to state and local laws, and supports the University’s mission to promote good health. The School of Medicine’s Department of Family and Community Medicine is offering free classes on how to quit smoking. The program, run by Kevin Ferentz, MD, associate professor at the School and an expert on smoking, will be held in four-week blocks on Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. in the department’s health center at 29 S. Paca St. Classes start April 29, May 6, May 13, and May 20. For more information, or to register, call 8-2651.

### Dumez Lecturer Predicts Benefits of Personalized Medicine

The pharmaceutical industry and regulators are adjusting well to the dawning of personalized medicine, says Lawrence Lesko, PhD, FCP, director of clinical pharmacology and biotherapeutics at the Food and Drug Administration. Lesko recently delivered the annual Andrew G. DuMez Memorial Lecture at the School of Pharmacy. By 2019, a typical pharmacy, he said, will display extensive racks of self-testing kits for the risks of gene-associated diseases. It will also have a counseling center where the pharmacist will help patients manage drugs designed for their personal genetic makeup. Lesko said such changes will be the fruits of personalized medicine—which might more accurately be called “precision medicine.” “For precision medicine, the disease must be diagnosed to the gene,” said Lesko. The Andrew G. DuMez Memorial Lecture is named in honor of the pioneering dean of the School of Pharmacy who served the University from 1926-1948. DuMez was a recipient of the Remington Medal, the highest national pharmacy award.

## President’s New Address

The office of David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, University of Maryland, Baltimore president, has moved from Davidge Hall to The Saratoga Building. The new mailing address is:

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# NSF-Funded Cyber-chemistry Project at School of Pharmacy to Speed Drug Making

STEVE BERBERICH

Drug makers could one day produce products faster because of a \$2.5 million National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded project now under way at the School of Pharmacy and three other sites. The cyber-infrastructure project goes to the heart of a current dilemma facing scientists trying to conduct efficient drug discovery and development from the massive data available on the human genome, says Alexander MacKerell, PhD, Grollman-Glick Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the School. Scientists who look for new therapeutic drug opportunities from human gene and protein data have, in turn, created a “huge number of computational tools based on the mathematical models and parameters to biological molecules,” says MacKerell, who is director of the Computer-Aided Drug Design Center at the School and principal investigator for the project. But, he says, such software tools are not one-size-fits-all. They are designed for different categories of molecules. “Right now it is very tedious and time-consuming to set up these mathematical models and parameters for the new molecules. Our cyber infrastructure will make this much faster. We are going to put the



Alexander MacKerell

parameter engine in place to do the work for the scientist.” Also funded for the cyber-infrastructure project are the Universities of Kentucky, Florida, and Illinois. Across the four universities, the project will have applications in facilitating the design of electronics and the study of a wide range of material science and biological systems at the most basic level, in addition to drug design applications. The project is aimed toward putting the parameter engine online. Researchers will go to the Internet, enter their drug molecule, and get the best model and the correct parameters for making their investigation more efficient. The proposed engine will provide an open architecture for obtaining and testing parameters under various conditions.

Ordinarily, once a drug company identifies a new drug candidate for the treatment of a particular medical problem, the next step is optimizing the drug candidate to improve its therapeutic potential. This is a huge task that involves testing hundreds of molecules—a task that can be facilitated using computational tools, says MacKerell. “We are trying to allow for computational tools to be rapidly applied to large numbers of molecules,” he says. “We want to automate this process. To do so will allow computational scientists to work with biologists, thereby decreasing the time and cost required to develop new drug candidates.” The basis for the Computer-Aided Drug Design Center is to ease the discovery of novel therapeutic agents that combine rational drug design methods with chemistry and structural biology. The computer-aided drug design approach allows researchers to use information available in 3-D structures of biological target molecules, which may be associated with human diseases, to identify chemicals that have a great potential for binding to those target molecules. Chemical compounds developed by such steps can often be developed into research tools and/or therapeutic agents. The NSF cyber-infrastructure project will help make this potential a reality.

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CALENDAR

**April 9-June 30:** *Learned in Science, Explored in Art*, paintings by Wolfgang Ritschel, MD, PhD, professor of pharmacology and medicine, University of Cincinnati. Weise Gallery, Health Sciences and Human Services Library. For more information, visit [www.hshsl.umaryland.edu/gallery](http://www.hshsl.umaryland.edu/gallery).

**April 13:** 2009 Campus Recognition and Community Service Awards Luncheon, to honor anniversaries of service to the University, Employees of the Month, Employee of the Year, and community service work. Noon, Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards, 110 S. Eutaw St. For more information, contact Claude Owens at 6-7302 or [cowens@af.umaryland.edu](mailto:cowens@af.umaryland.edu).

**April 14:** School of Pharmacy Student Research Showcase. 1-5 p.m., Medical School Teaching Facility atrium.

**April 17:** The Health Sciences and Human Services Library celebrates National Library Week with breakfast for all students. 8-10 a.m., Health Sciences and Human Services Library.

**April 22:** “Dental Medicine From Repair to Regeneration,” a lecture by Jeremy Mao, PhD, DDS, professor of dental medicine, Columbia University. Part of the Dental School Dean’s Lecture Series. Noon-1 p.m., room G205, Dental School.

**April 22:** Reception for Say “Cheese” photo contest and Writing Center’s creative writing contest. Includes food and music. 5-6:30 p.m., Student Center at Pine Street.

**April 23:** Benefits Fair, information about Fiscal Year 2010 benefits for University employees. Providers will be represented. Raffle prizes and other giveaways included. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Westminster Hall.

**April 24-25:** Social Work License Examination Preparation Course. 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m., National Rehabilitation Hospital, 102 Irving St. N.W., Washington, D.C., \$325. For more information on this and other School of Social Work continuing professional education programs, call 410-706-1839 or send an e-mail to [ymccleod@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:ymccleod@ssw.umaryland.edu).

**April 29:** University of Maryland Baccalaureate Dental Hygiene Program Open House. Noon-3:30 p.m., Dental School. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Call 6-7773 by April 22.

**May 3:** Tooth Fairy Day. Includes Brushella the Tooth Fairy, and information and hands-on activities about dental health. 1-4 p.m., Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry, free with museum admission and for children dressed as fairies.

**May 13:** 2009 School of Pharmacy Alumni Association Graduation Banquet and 50-Year Reunion for Class of 1959. 7 p.m.-midnight, Martin’s Valley Mansion, 594 Cranbrook Road, Hunt Valley, Md. For tickets, call 6-8019.

**May 15:** University of Maryland, Baltimore Commencement. 3 p.m., 1st Mariner Arena, 201 W. Baltimore St. For more information, visit [www.umaryland.edu/commencement](http://www.umaryland.edu/commencement).

**May 31:** The Inaugural Maryland Half-Marathon, to benefit the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center. Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, Md. To register, visit [www.marylandhalfmarathon.com](http://www.marylandhalfmarathon.com). For more information, call Lauren Madow at 8-3637.

AROUND CAMPUS



1. From the School of Social Work, doctoral student Shauna Acquavita, LCSW-C (left); Dean Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW; and Bronwyn Mayden, MSW, director of continuing professional education, attend a candlelight vigil on National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Organized by social work students, the event, held March 10 in the courtyard of the Institute of Human Virology at the School of Medicine, attracted attendees from throughout the University and the community.  
2. Maryland Sound and Image installs an audio and video system in a new boardroom in The Saratoga Building, as the University’s Office of the President moves to the building from Davidge Hall. The move took place in March.



John (left) and Joshua Mitnick

Fifth Generation of Mitnick Family to Graduate From Law School

JEFFREY RAYMOND

Every 30-some years, a young man with the surname Mitnick is awarded a diploma from the School of Law. This year it will be Joshua Mitnick, and like the four Mitnicks that preceded him, Joshua will practice at the Mitnick & Mitnick law firm in downtown Baltimore.

“It means a lot to me. It means a lot to my grandfather, too,” says Mitnick. “He was very pleased that I wanted to go to school” at the University of Maryland.

Professor Larry Gibson, LLB, a historian of lawyers in Maryland, says he has heard of a four-generation family of Maryland lawyers. But Gibson was in uncharted territory when Joshua Mitnick told him he was following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather all from the same law school.

Mitnick says he never felt any parental pressure to enter law or the family firm.

“They wanted me to do whatever I wanted to do,” he says. His father, John Mitnick, didn’t go to law school until five years after he received his undergraduate degree. John, who balances his law practice with a love of music and languages, wanted to be sure Joshua followed his own ambition.

After Joshua graduated from college (Amherst—John’s alma mater) in 2005, he took a job with Lockheed Martin as a software engineer. It seemed like a good fit for a person with an affinity for computers, “but it was unfulfilling being at the lowest end of a large corporation,” Mitnick says. In December of that year he applied to the law schools at the University of Maryland and the University of Baltimore. He accepted the offer from what was by then the family’s law school.

The five generations of Mitnick graduates from the School of Law are Joshua Mitnick (2009), John Mitnick (1981), Martin Mitnick (1948), Louis Mitnick (1912), and Jacob Mitnick (1881).

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